



MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday Of The
Passion Of The Lord

4:00 PM
8:00 AM
10:00 AM

Gathering: Hosanna To The Son Of David BB 137
Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 22)

*My God, my God, O why have you
abandoned me?*

Preparation What Wondrous Love Is This BB 481

Mass Parts Mass For Christ The Savior

Communion Eat This Bread BB 334
Bread For The World BB 342

Recessional: *We depart in silence during Lent.*

✠ PARISH TITHING ✠

Our Parish needs to take in \$9700.00 each week in order to make ends meet. This amount represents an adjusted budget offertory of \$8500.00 per week plus the combination of budgeted Property and Fuel second collections (\$4800.00 per month divided into 4 weeks or \$1200.00 weekly). Your weekly contribution helps ensure that the Parish remains a vibrant community. Please remember to submit your weekly gift even if you will be away. Consider signing up for electronic giving (see below). Especially in these trying times, your Parish depends on your responsible stewardship and support!

March 27, 2022

Offertory	\$7,080.43
Easter Flowers	\$2,146.00

April 3, 2022

Offertory	\$8,314.39
Property Management	\$1,503.30

FOR OUR RECORDS

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, or address changes in your family, please notify the Parish Office at 603-382-8324 or by email at jtremlay@stluketheevangelist.net. If you're new to our parish, registration forms are available at the entrances of both churches. Registration forms can also be found on our website at <http://stlukenh.org>.

RESTROOM BREAKS DURING MASS

Attention Parents

Please be sure to accompany your young children when they need to use the restroom during Mass. This is for their safety and your peace of mind!



Out of respect for the Lord and in consideration of fellow parishioners, please remember to silence or turn off your cell phones during Mass. Thank you!



Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish uses **Parish Giving** to provide parishioners with an opportunity to make your offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Parish Giving is a simple, secure, and convenient way to manage your stewardship without weekly envelopes and without worries. This program is available to parishioners at no cost. Log on to the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish website at <http://stlukenh.org>, click on the Parish Giving logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

April 10	No Second Collection
April 15	Good Friday – Holy Land
April 17	Easter and Needs of the Parish
April 24	Fuel

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on Income

Annual Income	5% Commitment annually/ weekly	3% Commitment annually/ weekly
\$100,000	\$5,000/\$100	\$3,000/\$60
\$75,000	\$3,750/\$75	\$2,250/\$45
\$60,000	\$3,000/\$60	\$1,800/\$36
\$50,000	\$2,500/\$50	\$1,500/\$30
\$40,000	\$2,000/\$40	\$1,200/\$24
\$30,000	\$1,500/\$30	\$900/\$18
\$25,000	\$1,250/\$25	\$750/\$15
\$15,000	\$750/\$15	\$450/\$9

Suggested Weekly Contribution Based on a Percentage Increase

Your Current Offertory Contribution	25% Increase	30% Increase	40% Increase
\$75.00	\$93.75	\$97.50	\$105.00
\$50.00	\$62.50	\$65.00	\$70.00
\$40.00	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$56.00
\$35.00	\$43.75	\$45.50	\$49.00
\$30.00	\$37.50	\$39.00	\$42.00
\$25.00	\$31.25	\$32.50	\$35.00
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$28.00
\$15.00	\$18.75	\$19.50	\$21.00
\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.00	\$14.00
\$5.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$7.00

✠ PARISH NEWS ✠

COVID UPDATE

By mandate of the Bishop of Manchester on June 6, all restrictions and procedures put in place during the pandemic are no longer in effect.

The choice to wear or to not wear a mask is left up to individuals and their discretion. Those persons who have not been vaccinated should be especially mindful of their own safety and the safety of others, especially those vulnerable to communicable disease.

A hand sanitizer station will remain at the main entrances of the church doors for the time being for parishioners' convenience.

Anyone who has been recently exposed to COVID 19 or any other communicable disease should not attend public services of any kind. Those sick should remain at home until such time as they are healthy.

Liturgy online or on TV...

Boston Catholic Television	catholictv.org
Sunday Mass from Notre Dame	
catholictv.org/masses/notre-dame-mass	
Salt & Light TV	saltandlighttv.org
Eternal Word Television	ewtn.com

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Holy Thursday (April 14) through Easter Monday (April 18). The Office will reopen at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 19.

AMAZONSMILE FOUNDATION

Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish has been issued a **\$132.31 donation** from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between October 1 and December 31, 2021.

AmazonSmile.com is the same market platform as Amazon.com, but with the added benefit of allowing customers to donate 0.5% of the price of items purchased to a charitable organization. Please register today to start shopping and donating at www.amazonsmile.com. For questions, please call the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Be sure to choose:

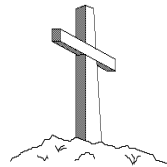
St Luke the Evangelist Parish, Plaistow.

TAX TIME SUGGESTION

Did you know? If you are 72 or older and need to take a "required minimum distribution (RMD)" from an IRA retirement account, a direct distribution to a qualified charitable organization, such as Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish, can save you money on your taxes. Such a donation will count toward your required minimum distribution but will be excluded from taxable income. Ask your tax preparer or IRA trustee for more details.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like an "end of year" financial statement of your contributions to the Parish for 2021, **please call Jackie** at the Parish Office at 603-382-8324. **Financial Statements are issued on a request only basis.**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place on Good Friday afternoon at 3:00 PM in Newton.

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

Evening Prayer is sung at Newton at 6:00 PM on all Sundays of Lent. Join us for a quiet time of prayer and reflection. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available immediately after Evening Prayer each Sunday of the Lenten Season.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In addition to Saturdays at 3:00 PM in Plaistow and 6:30 PM in Newton on the Sundays of Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be celebrated on **Monday of Holy Week, April 11:**

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in Plaistow
5:00 to 7:00 PM in Newton

PLEASE HELP US!

As you leave church, kindly take your Bulletin with you - or return it to the basket at the entrance of the Church, return your music book and Mass card to their proper place, and pick up after yourself as you leave

WHILE AWAY THIS SPRING...

We appreciate all of you who remember to send in your Parish Offertory during the Spring even when on vacation or visiting other parishes. Thank you for remembering that our expenses also continue through the Spring months. We invite others to consider doing the same before or even after you return home.

✠ WEEKLY CALENDAR ✠

Sunday, April 10

6:00 PM Vespers **Newton**
6:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation **Newton**

Monday, April 11

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation **Plaistow**
5:00 to 7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation **Newton**

Wednesday, April 13

Holy Angels Church
Open All Day For Prayer

7:30 PM Tennebrae **Plaistow**

Thursday, April 14

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
NO ADORATION

Friday, April 15

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross **Newton**

Saturday, April 16

NO SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

PRAYER LINE

St. Luke's offers a prayer line as a resource for those seeking prayer assistance. To submit your prayer request please call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 314 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.



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St. Luke the Evangelist is now on Facebook! Go to www.facebook.com/stlukenh.org/ or **St. Luke the Evangelist Parish – Newton/Plaistow** and give us a Like! Please invite fellow parishioners & friends to do the same.

From the Pastor's Desk



HOLY ANGELS CEMETERY CLOSED

Holy Angels Cemetery in Plaistow will remain closed until April 20, 2022. This decision comes as result of the real dangers of snow and ice in the Cemetery and the costs to Parishioners to inter during the winter months. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday, April 9 ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23:56 (Vigil)

4:00 PM Leo Blinn by Patricia Morrill
Plaistow

Sunday, April 10 ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23:56

8:00 AM Joan Burge by the Burge family
Newton

10:00 AM Sean Breen by his family
Plaistow

Monday, April 11 ~ Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Favor Received by Bonnie Lajoie
Newton

Tuesday, April 12 ~ Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

8:00 AM Dorothy Towler by Elaine Antkowiak
Plaistow

Wednesday, April 13 ~ Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

6:30 PM Gerry Assad by the Knights of Columbus
Plaistow

Thursday, April 14 ~ Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

6:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper and Adoration
Newton

Friday, April 15 ~ Good Friday

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

6:30 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Plaistow

Saturday, April 16 ~ Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1—2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12 (Vigil)

8:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter
Plaistow

Sunday, April 17 ~ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

8:00 AM Jeannie Fullerton by Barbara and Jack Brotz
Newton

10:00 AM The Intentions of Eleanor Martin by Ed and Sue Martin
Plaistow



Mass Times for travel

masstimes.org

"come to me all of you" — Matthew 11:28



MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH
Did you know that ALL Catholics are required to be married in the Church as a condition of the validity of their marriage?

Any Catholic married in a civil ceremony (JP) or in any religious ceremony other than a Catholic one (unless specifically excepted by the Bishop) is not living out the Sacrament of Marriage in its fullness according to the teaching of the Church. Contact Father Albert at the parish office for more information.

VIGIL LIGHT

The Vigil Light in front of the Blessed Mother icon at Mary Mother of the Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Joan Burge** by the Burge family



The Sanctuary Candle in Holy Angels Church will burn this week in loving memory of **Dorothy Towler** by Elaine Antkowiak

CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candles in both Newton and Plaistow, as well as the Vigil Candle in front of the Blessed Mother icon in Newton, may be offered in memory or honor of a loved one. The suggested offering for each is \$10.00.

THE GOD MINUTE

Every morning a small group of priests, religious, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called "The God Minute." It's then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time. And it's free. Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work, or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be!

www.thegodminute.org

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. Be a good agent of welcome and evangelization! If you or someone you know is interested in inquiring about becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church, contact Cathy Smith in the Parish Office.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who has been Baptized and received Eucharist, but has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? The adult Confirmation process is an opportunity to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. If you would like to prepare for Confirmation, or if you have questions, call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or call Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Students in Junior High or High School who have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to prepare to receive the sacrament, contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305, or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We are truly blessed to have times for Adoration of Our Lord in our Parish. This time of prayer and intercession is not only a source of great grace for the individual, but it is a great source of grace for us as a parish family, as well.

We have many who have made the commitment to spend an hour each week with our Eucharistic Lord, **but** we need more people so there will be at least two people at each hour. We are also looking for people who would be able to substitute.

**Newton – Thursday
8:30 AM – 8:30 PM**

If you can commit to one hour a week in Adoration of our Lord, or if you can be a substitute, please contact Cathy Smith at 603-382-8324, ext. 305 or email her at csmith@stluketheevangelist.net.

The Church in Plaistow is open all day on Wednesdays for people to stop by and pray before the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.

✠ PARISH DIRECTORY ✠

Parish Office	603-382-8324
Parish Prayer Line	603-382-8324 x 314
St. Vincent de Paul Society	603-382-8324 x 315
St. Luke's Food Pantry	603-819-4949
Preschool	603-382-9783
Presentation of Mary Convent	603-382-2744

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❖ Community News ❖



ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your generosity towards the hungry of our area!

Non-perishable food or personal care items are always needed – donations can be dropped off at Church or are welcome at the Parish Office during regular business hours.

Cash donations for food are always welcome – make checks payable to **St. Luke the Evangelist Food Pantry**. All donations to the Food Pantry go toward helping the needy of our communities. **Call the Pantry at 819-4949 for more information.**

Thanks to your generosity, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to help our friends and neighbors in need. Requests for help, especially

heat and utilities, have been on the rise lately. We've recently helped several families with rent and utility payments. Your continued support makes it possible for us to assist all who come to us for help.

We invite you to our next meeting **on Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00 PM** in the Holy Angels Church Hall. We welcome you to sit in on our meeting and determine if membership in this great group is for you.

We will be selling lilies following Easter Liturgies again this year. Keep your eye on this space and in the bulletin for more information on that!

If you are interested in learning more about this great group of volunteers, contact our Secretary, Jim Edwards, at jimmy69180@hotmail.com or 603-642-5236. Meetings are both live and virtual.

If you seek assistance or need information about the Society, call (603) 382-8324, ext.315.



INTERESTED IN SENDING YOUR CHILD TO CAMP?

Camp Bernadette for girls and Camp Fatima for boys could be ideal for your family!

The Diocesan camps of New Hampshire are joyful, Catholic communities with a sense of belonging for all. Campers' lives are changed every summer after participating in the robust camping experiences at Bernadette and Fatima:

Grow in Faith ~ Learn New Skills ~
Develop Confidence ~ Kayaking ~ Tubing ~ Archery
~ Rock Wall ~ Ropes ~ Team Sports ~
Make Lifelong Friendships
And Much More!

Call Andrew Thibault at 603-931-5500, ext. 114 or visit www.bfcamp.com for more information about the incredible opportunities that the camps offer.

To download a flyer, go to:

www.catholicnh.org/assets/Documents/Flyers/Flyer-Camps.pdf



DO SOMETHING GOOD WITH US

The Knights of Columbus are a vital and vibrant part of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish.

We welcome any practicing Catholic man, 18 years or older, to join the Knights.

We are sons, fathers, husbands, and grandfathers, whose main purpose is charitable works in support of our parish and community.

Where there is a need, there is a Knight.

Joining is simple – talk to a brother Knight, contact Dan Sullivan at 603-770-4803, email him at dans49@comcast.com or you can now join on-line at www.kofc.org/joinus.

**THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
ST. JUDE COUNCIL
#6617**
www.kofc6617.org



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

A Men's AA Step Meeting is held on Sunday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 AM at the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Hall (Holy Angels.) Masks are required. Bring your own coffee. For more information, call Joe at 617-921-9899.

Keeping the Holiest Days of the Year

Today is the sixth and the last of the Sundays of Lent. We know it also by other names. It is called **Palm Sunday** because the first thing that we do when we gather this day is to take up palms and tell the story of how Jesus once came into the holy city, Jerusalem, riding over a carpet of branches, cheered by people waving branches. Today also is known as **Passion Sunday** because the Gospel story read (today) is the account of Jesus' passion as told by Matthew.



Today knows other events. This is the last Sunday when the Church calls forth and dismisses those Elect, who, at the start of Lent, were chosen or “Elected” for the Easter Sacraments. Beginning with Easter Sunday, they will not be dismissed after the homily, but will stay with the Church and do all that Baptized people do. They will begin to keep each Sunday by joining the church to give God thanks and praise at this table, over bread and wine, which we eat and drink and so become, little by little, the living body of Christ.

Today marks the beginning of the days we call **Holy Week**. That name, Holy Week, can be misleading - or it can be a rich insight into these days. It can mislead if we think of the time from today until next Sunday, Easter Sunday, as one segment of time that day by day tries to tell the story of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. That's not really what happens here. Rather, we have a week that splits in two on Thursday night - and each one of us ought to know how and why. That will tell us what puts the “holy” in Holy Week. **Until Thursday night it is Lent.** The Forty Days right now are down to their last five days. Thursday evening Lent ends. If we have kept these days so far with various kinds of fasting, various forms of almsgiving, and times of prayer each day, then we are near the end and can perhaps put on an extra burst of energy and so finish this great Lenten contest smiling and exuberant to have done penance and turned the world a bit upside-down.

**Passion Sunday
Evening Prayer
At Newton 6:00 PM
Sacrament of Reconciliation
follows Evening Prayer.**

**Reconciliation available at
Plaistow on Holy Monday 11 am-1
PM, and at Newton 5-7 PM**

And if we have not kept these days so well, or perhaps not at all, if we have forgotten to pray, neglected to fast, not gotten around to all the ways alms can be given, then the news is good: Five days, counting today, to go! It isn't too late at all. Time enough remains to discover what hunger feels like-bodily hunger and other hungers too. Time remains for that spring-cleaning of house and wallet and life that Lent makes almost appealing to us who are too heavily laden

with possessions and near-addictions. Time remains also for quiet, for taking out the Bible and reading the Passion stories, reading here and there in Paul, reading psalms and prophets, and quietly reflecting on these words and stories and letting them help us to pray. Time remains. Five days of Lent to conclude your Forty Days, or Five Days to be your Forty Days.

The Paschal Triduum

But that brings us only to Thursday evening. That is the reason we say that this so-called Holy Week is really two very different pieces of time. For when Lent ends, we move without stopping for breath into the three days that are for us the heart and soul of the entire year. The church calls them a "*Triduum*," just the Latin for "three days." But we call them the "Easter Triduum" or the "Paschal Triduum." What that means is that

they are about the Paschal mystery, the Passover mystery, the way life and death and resurrection, our own, our church's, our human race's, get all tangled up in the life and death and resurrection of the one who is truly God and truly human, Jesus.



On Thursday night we walk out of Lent into these three holiest days, and we walk into them singing: “We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.” And there it is, in one part of one sentence from Paul: Our glory is in the cross. The cross is our only and ultimate glory. Somehow that is what it comes to for us, the transforming cross that never ceases to be the cross, the death that is death itself, all the ways death reigns in this poor world, but we look at it and we say, “Glory”. **From Thursday night until Sunday afternoon, it is Triduum.** We will gather in God’s house Thursday day and Thursday night and Friday morning and afternoon and evening, and Saturday in the morning and then in the darkness of Saturday night. These are liturgies we do not celebrate three or four times each day so that it is convenient for us to come. We do it once and we hope that all of us can be together, most especially at the **Great Easter Vigil**. That gathering of



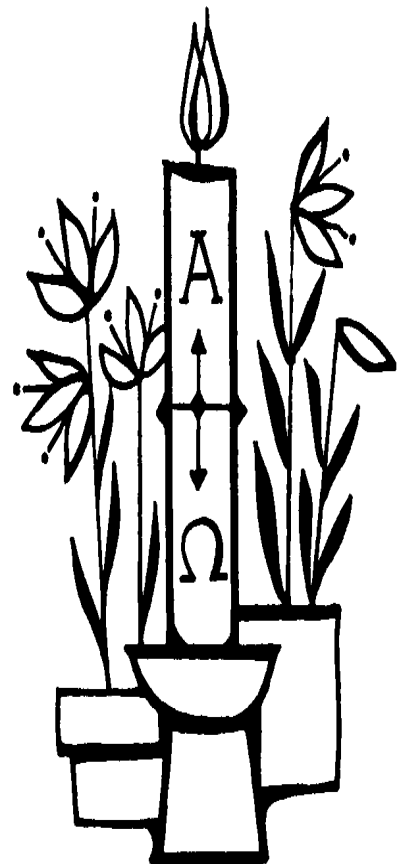
the church between Saturday evening and Sunday morning is the life that nourishes our whole year, all our days. It is when we come to spend some good time in the reading of scripture, and then go finally to the Baptismal font where our catechumens are challenged to renounce evil, to believe in Father and Son and Spirit, and so to die in the waters and live forever in Christ. We do the liturgies of these days only once because who would have the energy to do them again? We do them once because we wish that this whole Parish be, this once in the year, all together here to do scripture and Baptism and Eucharist.

And we dare to do these liturgies just once and to say that we should all be here because of something that we so easily overlook. It is: What else could we possibly find to do? That is the key to getting from the end of Lent back into life in this world. ***We have to know that life-as-usual stops from Thursday evening to Easter Sunday.*** Or perhaps it doesn’t stop, but we do. We drop out. We do not do on this Good Friday and this Holy Saturday what we do on any other Friday and Saturday of the year. So we are not ever trying to work in “going to church” among a hundred other things. No. The decks are clear. Lots of things in our lives have been closed down. We are free.

We have to know this: The way these three days are kept is not only with the liturgies here in this assembly. For these to have any sense at all to them, the three days must be kept in our lives. A generation ago, at the second Vatican Council, the world's bishops had a great and ancient insight into this. They said these strange words: *“Let the Paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday.”* They spoke not of a Lenten fast but of a Paschal fast, an Easter fast. What's that? And they spoke not just of fasting, but of “celebrating” this particular fast. What sort of fasting is celebrated? It is the fasting of excitement and expectation, of butterflies in the stomach because of what is about to happen. It is fasting from food, yes, but fasting also from work, and from entertainment and distraction. It is getting real hungry. it is clearing the mind and the heart. It is being famished for the word of God.

So the invitation to us Christians is to leave all we can of the normal on Thursday night. Off and on through those next three days, we'll meet here. You have your schedules of liturgies and other times of prayer. But it is the times between the liturgies that make the liturgies possible. Let all of us together find again and anew what is this glory that is ours in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST
Lent - Easter Liturgical Schedule 2022

THE BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN FAST	MARCH 2
ASH WEDNESDAY	8 am Newton
LITURGY	6:30 PM Plaistow

RECONCILIATION

Plaistow: Saturdays 3:00 PM (except Holy Saturday)
Newton: Sundays of Lent following 6 PM evening prayer
Monday of Holy Week: Plaistow 11:00am – 1:00 PM
Newton 5:00-7:00 PM

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER Sunday evenings of Lent at Newton, 6 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS **Fridays of Lent - 6:30 pm – NEWTON**

HOLY WEEK

Monday of Holy Week – Liturgy at 8 am - Newton
Tuesday of Holy Week – Liturgy at 8 am - Plaistow
Wednesday of Holy Week – Liturgy at 6:30 pm - Plaistow
Tenebrae at 7:30 PM

PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 14 – Morning prayer 8 am - Newton
Mid-day prayer 12 noon – Newton

LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 6:30 PM - Newton
-Eucharistic Adoration follows-
Night Prayer 9:00 pm - Newton

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 15 - Morning prayer 8 am - Plaistow
Mid-day prayer 12 noon - Plaistow
Stations of the Cross 3 pm - Newton

**SERVICE OF THE LORD'S PASSION
& HOLY COMMUNION 6:30 PM - Plaistow**

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 16– Morning Prayer 8 am - Plaistow
Mid-day Prayer 12 noon - Plaistow

EASTER GREAT VIGIL AT 8 PM - Plaistow

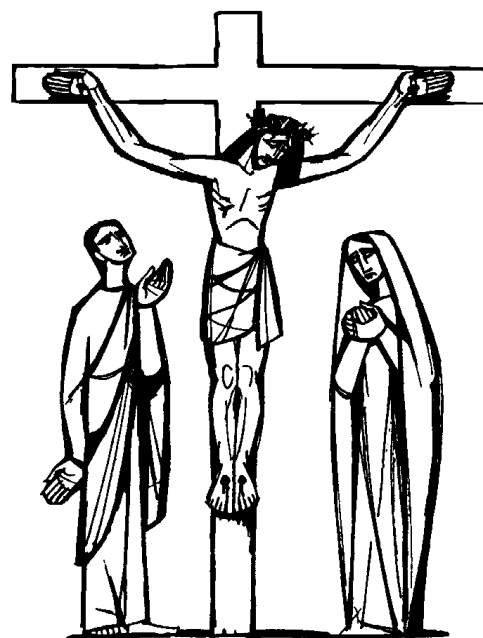
EASTER SUNDAY LITURGIES APRIL 17

8 AM – Newton
10 AM – Plaistow

Easter Solemn Vespers with Benediction at 6 pm – Newton

LENTEN SEASON DAILY LITURGIES:

M 8 am Newton
T 8 am Plaistow
W 6:30 PM Plaistow
Th 8 am Newton

**SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH**

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03858**

**Plaistow: 8 Atkinson Depot Road, Plaistow,
NH 03865**

www. <http://stlukenh.org>
(603) 382-8324



LENTEN REGULATIONS

FASTING

Fasting for anyone between 21 and 59 years of age means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but should not equal the one full meal. One may, however, enter more into the spiritual element of fasting and not partake of any of the above-mentioned meals. Eating between meals is not permitted; but liquids, including milk and juices are allowed. Days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Wednesdays and Fridays are also traditional fast days; however, one may fast on any day of the week.

ABSTINENCE

Abstinence is the observance for all those 14 years of age or older to forego the eating of meat on: Ash Wednesday; all Fridays in Lent and on Good Friday. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, this discipline does not apply.

EASTER PRECEPT

The Easter Precept – or Easter Duty is the decree for all the faithful to receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter Season (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2042). The faithful must celebrate the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year in preparation for the reception of Holy Eucharist. Traditionally, the Church has marked the time in which one may fulfill the Easter Duty between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday. A monthly celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is encouraged for all.

PRAYER AND ALMSGIVING

All the faithful are encouraged to spend additional time in prayer during the Lenten season, and to participate in the devotional practices of the Parish. It is also praiseworthy for the faithful to give generously to charities and to their Church during this Season of Sacrifice.

ST. VINCENT dePAUL

EASTER LILY FUND RAISER

\$15. PER PLANT

(PROVIDED BY NEWTON GREENHOUSE)

EASTER SUNDAY

After the 8:00 A.M.

mass in Newton

and after the 10:00 A.M.

mass in Plaistow

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The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Luke 22:14–23:56

At this Palm Sunday Mass, the Gospel is the story of Christ's passion from Luke's Gospel. Palm Sunday with its reenactment of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem is the lead-in to the holiest days of the year. The events of this week follow Jesus' steps through the Last Supper, the agony in the garden, his betrayal, his trial and condemnation, his Death on the Cross, and his burial.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Be sure to take a blessed palm home after Sunday Mass. Make a little ceremony of placing the palm behind a crucifix or holy picture or in some other prominent place in your home. Talk with your young child about how this palm branch shows how your family welcomes Jesus into your home. Retell the story of Palm Sunday using the figures made during *Seeds* class.

Promise (Grades K–1): Ask your child to share with the family about Jesus' journey through death to resurrection. Your child can use the Holy Week story pages from the lesson booklet. Try to keep family awareness high all week by some special prayer or activity for each day of Holy Week—especially Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Have your child show the signs of new life and the picture created during the lesson.

Good News (Grades 2–3): This week your child's class participated in a play that dramatized the events of Holy Week. Together the class made the journey from Palm Sunday to the burial of Jesus after the crucifixion. Together plan how you will spend these important days of the Church year. Plan to attend at least one of the Holy Week services as a family.

Venture (Grades 4–6): This week in class, your youngster identified the events celebrated on each of the important days of Holy Week. The class also learned about the Stations of the Cross and Easter Vigil. As Lent comes to a close, visit your church and make the Stations of the Cross together as a family.

Visions (Grades 7–9): The class this week went through all the celebrations of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. As a family, make a Holy Week plan. Decide what celebrations you can attend in the parish. Plan, too, to make each of the days of this week special in your home. Ask your young person to take the lead in sharing with the family what each of the days celebrates and then decide how you will reflect that at home. Be sure to stick to the plan.

Pray Together

One of the elements of the Good Friday liturgy is the veneration of the cross. Every Catholic home should have a cross or a crucifix prominently displayed. After you complete your conversation about the week's Gospel lesson, one day this week, gather around a crucifix. Pray together the prayer from the liturgy: "Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world. Come let us adore." If possible, pass the crucifix from one family member to the next. Each family member can then gently kiss the crucifix. Then, repeat the prayer.



CREMATION?

While burial or entombment of the body remains the preference and is encouraged by the Church, cremation may be chosen for sufficient reason. The Revised Code of Canon Law states: “The Church earnestly recommends the pious custom of burial be retained; but it does not forbid cremation, unless this is chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching.” (CIC, c. 1176.3)

When is Cremation Allowed? Cremation may be requested for hygienic, economic or other reasons of a public or private nature. Some examples include: transfer of the remains to a distant place, possible avoidance of considerable expense, a severe psychological fear of burial in the ground or in a tomb. The selection of cremation was the specific choice of the individual before death. When requested by the family of the deceased for what also might be determined as an appropriate pastoral reason.

If a body is to be cremated, is it preferable that cremation take place after the Funeral Liturgy?

It is recommended that priority be given to the celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy with the body of the deceased present.

Can a body be cremated prior to the Funeral Liturgy? What arrangements are different?

In the Diocese of Manchester, it is permitted to celebrate the funeral liturgy in the presence of the cremated remains. The cremated remains are to be accorded the same respect given to the corporeal remains of a human body. This includes the way they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and their final disposition. The container in which the cremated remains are placed should be dignified in nature. The cremated remains are to be positioned on a suitable table in the same place where the casket is usually positioned. They may also be placed near the Paschal Candle during the funeral liturgy. The candle and the cremated remains may be placed in the sanctuary so as to be visible to all.

What is required for the proper and reverent disposition of cremated remains?

Cremated remains are to be buried or inurned. They should not be buried on private land, but are to be buried in a cemetery or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. **The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground is not permitted.** If burial takes place at sea, according to local custom, the cremated remains are to be kept intact in a solid and durable container, and not scattered.

Keeping the cremated remains in a private home, funeral home or any other place is not considered to be the reverent disposition that the Church requires. **The integrity of the cremated remains is always to be respected.** The cremated remains of one deceased person may not be mixed with the cremated remains of another person. It is not permitted to divide the cremated remains and retain, inter or entomb them in more than one place.

It is also not permitted to divide the cremated remains in such a way that they are contained in lockets or jewelry. Any other practice which violates the integrity of the cremated remains and impedes reverent and proper burial/disposition is prohibited. Whenever possible, appropriate memorialization should be utilized at the place of burial.

Consult your cemetery office for all available options for the respectful burial, disposition and memorialization of cremated remains.



Bringing Home the Word

Palm Sunday
April 10, 2022

The Gift of Redemption

By Fr. Mark Haydu

We come to the holiest week of the year. This week, Christians around the world dedicate their minds and hearts to meditate on the great gift of the redemption won for them by Christ. It is a cosmic event that happened 2,000 years ago but it bears fruit today in the heart of every Christian in every continent, country, city, and home.

As chaotic and nonsensical as evil appears in our world, it also seems to

have a commonality that betrays a will, or an intelligence hidden beneath the surface. The suffering and destruction of so many people from senseless violence, famine, and hatred seems at once both spontaneous, yet strangely orchestrated by some force.

The same was true for Christ's crucifixion. On the surface it appears the result of a feverish crowd, a confused politician, a jealous and blinded religious leadership, and an overwhelmed group of cowardly followers. Yet we perceive the return of the tempter, Lucifer, the author of the *non serviam*. The power of evil that struck the head continues to strike the body. Be aware of the call for all followers of Christ to be ready to face the same struggle against evil that he did, and with the same measure of love. +

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord God is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
...I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be
put to shame.

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, ...though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.

Luke 19:28-40

They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."

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followers of Jesus to be ready
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A Word from Pope Francis

Let us make Jesus' prayer our own: let us ask the Father to remove the veil from our eyes, so that in looking at the crucifix over these days, we may understand that God is love. At Easter, God [reveals] himself in the humility of a love that seeks our love. Thus, we give him glory.

General Audience, April 17, 2019



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- How do I react when others hurt and insult me?
- Do I stand idly by when I see others being mistreated?

Becoming the Paschal Mystery

By Johan Van Parys

Have you ever wondered where Lent comes from? The word Lent comes from the Middle English word *lente*, meaning “spring.” Just as new life abounds in spring, during Lent we prepare to celebrate new life at Easter. The origin of Lent can be traced back to a period of intense fasting and praying in preparation for adult baptism. In some Christian communities this period lasted anywhere from a few days or a few weeks to the symbolic forty days. Our current forty-day Lenten fast refers back to the forty days of Jesus’ fast and the forty years the Israelites spent in the desert.

It was determined that the Easter Vigil is the best time to celebrate baptism, and forty days of preparation before Easter became a custom. Currently the period of preparation for Easter known as Lent is recognized by the entire community; it used to be recognized only by catechumens planning to be baptized during the Easter Vigil.

Lent also became the time for great penance by those who belonged to the Order of Penitents as the precursor to the sacrament of reconciliation, which was created to allow people to repent for grave sins. The bishop admitted sinners to the Order of Penitents during a special rite that included the use of ashes. A remnant of this rite is found in our Ash Wednesday service.

Members of the Order of Penitents



were excluded from the sacraments and expected to dedicate their lives to prayer and penance. Once a year, on Holy Thursday, the bishop welcomed those who were ready to be readmitted to the Church and the sacraments. Penitents would intensify their prayer and penance during the days leading up to Easter.

Today, these two movements toward the sacraments of initiation and reconciliation characterize the season of Lent. Lent is indeed the time of final preparation for those who will join the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil. Those who are already members are called to reconcile with God and the Church so they can celebrate Easter in a worthy manner.

In addition, Lent offers three

disciplines as part of the preparation for initiation and reconciliation: fasting, praying, and giving of alms (charity or care for others). Prayer helps us reconnect with God. Without this relationship, our Church membership is an exercise in following rules and regulations. Penance helps us reconnect with ourselves as an exercise in removing everything that clouds our vision. Giving alms enables us to reconnect with others through sharing.

May the celebration of this great season of Lent be a time of sincere penance, prayer, and sharing so that, in a renewed spirit, we may become the paschal mystery we celebrate. +

Penance helps us reconnect with ourselves as an exercise in removing everything that clouds our vision.



Lord, you are the model of nonviolence and unconditional love. May your example inspire me to be a more loving and forgiving person in life

—Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 11–16

Monday, Holy Week:
Is 42:1–7 / Jn 12:1–11

Tuesday, Holy Week:
Is 49:1–6 / Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

Wednesday, Holy Week:
Is 50:4–9a / Mt 26:14–25

Thursday, Holy Week (Chrism Mass):
Is 61:1–3a, 6a 8b–9 / Lk 4:16–21

Friday, Friday of the Lord's Passion (Good Friday): Is 52:13–53:12 / Jn 18:1–19:42

Saturday, Holy Saturday:
Gn 1:1–2:2; Gn 1:1, 26–31 / Lk 24:1–12